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Fresh Deciduous Fruit

Annual Report

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Report Highlights:

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The number of fruit trees increased in 2002 by 697,028 (+4.8 %) and reached a total number of 15,224,452 trees.

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In 2002, the acreage of intensive fruit orchards amounted to 6,734 hectares, which was 684 hectares (-9.2 %) less than the previous year. In 2002, total yields harvested from intensive orchards amounted to 32,045 MT, which was 39.9% of the total production.

Slovakia's foreign trade balance for fresh and processed fruits was negative in 2002, as well as in previous years. Imports of fresh fruits amounted to 168,451 MT, whereas exports amounted to 14,712 MT. The negative trade balance showed a value of -3,131,116 thousand SKK (thousand US\$ 69,103). In 2002, the Slovak Republic imported 31,169 MT of processed fruits and exported 9,823 MT. This means a negative trade balance of -903,215 thousand SKK (thousand US\$ 19,934). Major import and export markets are the EU and Czech Republic.

Average exchange rate:

\$1 = SKK 45,311 in 2002

PSD Table							
Country	Slovakia						
Commodity	Fresh Apples						
	2001	Revised	2002	Estimate	2003	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official	Estimate	DA Official	Estimate	DA Official	Estimate	[New]
Market Year Begin		07/2001		07/2002		07/2003	MM/YYYY
Area Planted	8000	8000	8200	7000	0	6500	(HA)
Area Harvested	8000	6000	8200	3724	0	3750	(HA)
Bearing Trees	14000	7062	14400	7091	0	7100	(1000 TRE
Non-Bearing Trees	500	500	500	500	0	500	(1000 TRE
Total Trees	14500	7562	14900	7591	0	7600	(1000 TRE
Commercial Production	82000	50217	79000	51172	0	51500	(MT)
Non-Comm. Production	5600	5600	5500	5500	0	5500	(MT)
TOTAL Production	87600	55817	84500	56672	0	57000	(MT)
TOTAL Imports	23000	23755	25000	29992	0	32000	(MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	110600	79572	109500	86664	0	89000	(MT)
Domestic Fresh Consump	80000	47612	80000	47769	0	48000	(MT)
Exports, Fresh Only	5600	6960	4500	6895	0	8000	(MT)
For Processing	25000	25000	25000	32000	0	33000	(MT)
Withdrawal From Market	0	0	0	0	0	0	(MT)
TOTAL UTILIZATION	110600	79572	109500	86664	0	89000	(MT)